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SUBJECT: VISIT BY COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON

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1. WE ASSUME THAT SZEKER IS SEEKING TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR SECRETARY RICHARDSON WITH KADAR, PARTICULARLY SINCE SZEKER MET WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN MAY. BOTH STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE CONVEYED THIS MESSAGE TO ESZTERGALYOS AND OTHER HUNGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS, BUT HUNGARIANS HERE SEEM TO HAVE ONLY SKETCHY INFORMATION ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT.

2. IF YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OUR DESIRE THAT RICHARDSON BE ABLE TO MEET WITH KADAR IS NOT CLEAR TO GOH, YOU SHOULD FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO GOH OUR HOPE FOR SUCH A MEETING.

3. HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HAS INDICATED THAT BUCHAREST MEETING OF WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MAY POSE PROBLEM REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF KADAR. KISSINGER

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